Two 'suspected hitmen' killed in Bannu raid

Bureau Report

PESHAWAR: The Counter-Terrorism Department and Bannu police killed two alleged target killers in an intelligence-based operation in Huwaid area of Bannu on Tuesday.

In a statement issue here, CTD said that the IBO was carried out in Mamakhel locality on the reported presence of two highly wanted militants. It said when the police teams reached the area, the outlaws opened fire on cops, triggering an exchange of fire that continued for half an hour. Two militants were found dead during the clearance operation conducted after the exchange of fire.

The slain militants were identified as Fazlullah and Safeerur Rehman, who were wanted for attacks on police personnel and installations.

Police also recovered arms and ammunition from the possession of the slain militants.

E-rickshaw plan for Peshawar discussed

PESHAWAR: A project steering committee meeting was convened by the Planning and Development Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, on Tuesday to deliberate on the introduction of eco-friendly electric rickshaws (e-rickshaws) in the provincial capital.

The meeting, chaired by Adeel Shah, secretary of the planning and development department, was held to assess the project's current progress and chart a future course of action for its implementation.

During the session, committee members and stakeholders engaged in detailed discussions on various facets of the initiative. Key topics included the projected benefits of e-rickshaws, the necessary infrastructure upgrades, and the finalisation of a comprehensive implementation plan.

The introduction of this green transport solution is anticipated to offer Peshawar residents a clean and efficient mode of travel, contributing to reduced air pollution and the promotion of sustainable urban transportation.

The meeting was attended by relevant officials from the P&D department, the transport department, and other government bodies, underscoring a coordinated approach to the project. — APP

PESHAWAR: A teacher briefs students on artworks displayed at an exhibition in Nishtar Hall on Tuesday as part of women literature festival. — White Star

Three killed in Bannu quadcopter strike

Terrorists kill police official; attack on police station repulsed

By Ghulam Mursalin Marwat

LAKKI MARWAT: Three people, including a minor child, were killed and four suffered injuries in a quadcopter strike in the Sardikhel Janikhel area of Bannu district on Tuesday.

A police official said the bodies and the injured were shifted to the district headquarters hospital.

He identified the deceased as Habibullah, 5, a resident of Malikhel Janikhel, and Amjad Ali, 35, and Irfanullah, 35, residents of Sardikhel Janikhel, and said the injured included Rukhniaz, 35, Naheedullah, 24, Mohammad Rauf, 33, and Irshadullah, 35, all residents of Janikhel.

Similar quadcopter attacks were carried out by terrorists against police installations and civilians in the district in the recent past.

On July 31, six security personnel were injured in a quadcopter attack on Miryan police station amid an operation against terrorists in the Nurar area.

In another quadcopter strike that took place four months ago, a woman was killed and three others were wounded in the Sra Bangla area of the district.

Police said the Miryan police station had come under multiple quadcopter attacks in the last several months. They said that the attacks were being carried out by terrorists in the district.

Meanwhile, a policeman was martyred when terrorists attacked him in the Walkhi Mammakhel area of Bannu district on Tuesday.

A police official said the attack was reported within the limits of the Havaid police station.

The deceased was identified as Ilyas, who was posted to the investigation wing at the Saddar police station.

"Unidentified men opened fire on constable Ilyas near his house when he was coming to the Saddar police station to join his duty," the official said, adding the assailants fled on motorcycles.

He said that the body was transported to the district headquarters hospital to fulfil medico-legal formalities. The official said after the targeted killing of the constable, a large police contingent reached the area and launched a search for attackers.

On Monday night, police repulsed a terrorist attack on a police station in the Ahmadzai area of Bannu district.

The official said the terrorists carried out the attack with advanced light and heavy weapons in an attempt to breach the building, but the policemen foiled the bid.

He added that in the retaliatory action, several terrorists were killed and injured but their accomplices took them away.

According to a statement issued by the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa police director (public relations), Bannu Regional Police Officer Sajjad Khan and DPO Saleem Abbas Kulachi lauded policemen for their bravery and professionalism and said that the region's police were in the frontline to protect their motherland and defeat terrorism. They said that the police were fully prepared and capable of countering any challenge effectively.

Provincial Inspector General of Police Zulfiqar Hameed also praised the police for their quick and effective action against terrorists to protect the police station and said the police were always ready and alert for protecting people's lives and properties.

"Bannu police always showed excellent commitment to maintaining law and order and ensuring establishment of lasting peace in the region," he said.

The IGP announced cash rewards and appreciation certificates for the police team which foiled the terrorist attack.

Separately, the terrorists torched the furniture in the government primary school in the Paharkhel Pacca area of Lakki Marwat district.

The incident occurred at midnight within the limits of Ghaznikhel police station, according to an official.

He said that unidentified armed men entered the school building and set the furniture and other goods on fire. The official said that the police had launched a search for culprits.

Jirga to discuss law and order situation today

Bureau Report

PESHAWAR: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government's peace jirga will be held at the provincial assembly here today (Wednesday) to discuss the volatile law and order situation in the province.

In a statement, special assistant to the chief minister on information Shafi Jan said during a visit to the provincial assembly that the KP government had convened the biggest jirga in the province's history to restore peace.

He said that leadership of all political parties would attend the jirga, which would make a joint statement and recommendations for peace.

Mr Jan said that the jirga would prove a milestone for peace efforts.

Speaker of the KP Assembly Babar Saleem Swati, local government minister Meena Khan Afridi, Opposition Leader in the KP Assembly Dr Ibadullah and lawmakers from the ruling and opposition parties were also present on the occasion.

Meanwhile, the Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam-Fazl on Tuesday announced that it would attend the peace jirga.

In a statement issued here, spokesman for the JUI-F Abdul Jalil Jan said that his party would participate in the peace jirga convened by the speaker of the provincial assembly.

In a video statement, Pakistan Peoples Party parliamentary leader in the KP Assembly Ahmad Kareem Kundi hailed the decision to hold the peace jirga and said the poor law and order situation was the biggest issue faced by the province.

He said that political parties had held jirgas for peace but for the first time, a jirga was being held at the KP Assembly, which represented the will of 40 million of the province.

A spokesperson for the Jamaat-i-Islami's KP chapter told *Dawn* that party leaders Prof Mohammad Ibrahim Khan and former senior minister Inayatullah Khan would represent the party in the peace moot.

On Monday, Awami National Party (ANP) announced that its KP president Mian Iftikhar Hussain would attend the peace jirga.

The decision to hold the jirga to discuss the province's volatile law and order situation was made earlier this month during a consultative meeting of the ruling party.

Govt launches Insaf Female Education Card

Bureau Report

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Mohammad Sohail Afridi on Tuesday launched the provincial government's Insaf Female Education Card initiative, saying it is a transformative programme aimed at expanding access of young women to education across the province.

Addressing the inauguration ceremony at the Frontier Women College here, the chief minister said the scheme would provide free higher education to over 55,000 female and orphan students at the intermediate level in public sector colleges, marking a major stride toward gender equality and educational empowerment in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

He said the initiative was a vital step for empowering women through education, which was one of the foremost priorities of his government, according to an official statement.

"Educated women build the foundation of a strong, prosperous and enlightened society. This vision reflects the core philosophy of [the ruling] Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf's policies," he said.

The chief minister also announced free higher education for orphan students who have passed the recent MDCAT, saying the government is committed to supporting underprivileged yet talented youth.

He said that no capable student should be deprived of education due to financial constraints, and that the provincial government was taking comprehensive and sustainable measures to ensure equal educational opportunities for all.

Mr Afridi said the Insaf Female Education Card was a symbol of gender equality, social justice and women's right to education.

He added that it was not just an educational initiative but the beginning of a social transformation that would position Khyber Pakhtunkhwa as a model province for promoting women's higher education.

"This card represents hope, confidence and dignity for the daughters of our province," he said.

Highlighting ongoing reforms in the education sector, the chief minister stated that the PTI-led government had introduced transparent, merit-based and result-oriented changes whose long-term impact would strengthen the province's education system.

He said that ensuring equal opportunities for women in every field of life was central to his government's vision, as educated women not only contributed to their families but also played a pivotal role in national development.

Mr Afridi lauded the achievements of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's female students, noting their growing excellence across diverse fields. He promised continued government support for their academic and professional growth.

He directed authorities to launch an internship programme for bachelor's and master's degree holders without delay to provide young graduates with practical training and improved employment opportunities.

"Additional funds will be allocated in the next provincial budget to promote women's education and ensure their equitable participation in all spheres of development," he said.

Meanwhile, the chief minister announced the introduction of artificial intelligence (AI) courses in public sector schools across the province starting from grade six onward.

He directed the elementary and secondary education department to take immediate steps and ensure the provision of necessary resources on an emergency basis to implement this initiative, according to an official statement.

Presiding over a meeting of the elementary and secondary education department at the Chief Minister's Secretariat here, the chief minister said that artificial intelligence had become a central component of modern economies, education, healthcare and governance systems.

He said imparting AI education to children and youth would prepare them to meet future challenges with confidence and competence. The chief minister also directed the creation of new teaching positions to address the shortage of teachers in the merged tribal districts.

He said that the provincial government was fully committed to utilising all available resources to strengthen the education sector.

"To ensure accountability and improved outcomes, the minister for education and senior officials of the department should conduct surprise visits to government schools to review attendance and performance. Negligent officials will face strict action, including removal from their posts," he warned.

The chief minister said that the printing and publication of textbooks for government schools should be carried out only through the government's printing press.

He ordered an inquiry into the tendering process related to printing and stationery procurement conducted by subordinate institutions, including education boards.

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